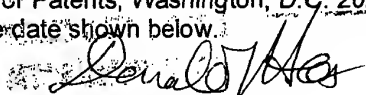


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COATINGS BASED ON 1,3-PROPANEDIOL)

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the enclosed application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that bridges pages 4 and 5 of the specification with the following paragraph:

B1 The starting materials for the present invention are aliphatic diols, aromatic dicarboxylic acids, a triglycidyl isocyanurate crosslinking agent, 1,3-propanediol, and optionally conditioning agents, auxiliary agents and other conventional catalysts and additives.

Please replace the paragraph that bridges pages 9 and 10 with the following paragraph:

B2 Polyester powder coatings prepared from PDO derived polyesters were formulated with triglycidyl isocyanurate resin via equal equivalents of carboxyl/epoxy groups. For the

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